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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered that question."

MR. PRESIEDNT :—" Yes, no alcoholic drinks were served."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Were not alcoholic drinks served on the occasion of that dinner on the night of the 15th August 1948?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" No alcoholic drinks might have been served at the dinner but still they might have taken them themselves." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No medical examination of the students was made on the occasion to find whether anyone was drunk and there was no need for any such examination; there was no disorderly behaviour of any sort."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Does the Hon. Minister mean, Sir, that alcoholic drinks might have been taken but that there was no disorderly behaviour?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No drinks were served on the occasion and there was no disorderly behaviour; that is what I have said."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The question is whether those people were found in a state of drunkenness."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Manufacture of power alcohol.

* 131 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to encourage the manufacture of power alcohol especially in view of the reported short supply of petrol?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The Government have examined the question of developing the power alcohol industry in this Province and consider that the manufacture of power alcohol from molasses is possible and desirable. The Government of India have been addressed to allocate five units for this Province for manufacturing about 20 lakhs gallons of power alcohol per annum. In the mean time the question of selecting suitable agencies who should be permitted to start power alcohol factories and the places where these factories should be located, is being examined."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates 'revision' by the Member.**]

II.—MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Member (Mr. Farookhi) desire to make his motion?"

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Yes, Sir."